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Statement of the Japanese Foreign Office Spokesman
November 16, 1937

The measures taken by the Japanese forces in Shanghai for the protection of the lives and propert of foreigners have been widely recognized as completely effective by authoritative neutral observers there. Major General Smollett, the commander of the British Forces at Shanghai made a tour of inspection of Hungjao area on the 13th and found out that all residences of foreigners stood virtually undamaged despite the fact that the Japanese forces attacked the Chinese troops and their establishments there. General Smollet is reported by the North China Daily News to have expressed his special satisfaction that the Japanese forces had put up a notice of no admission at every house owned by a foreigner, and that no Japanese had entered any of the foreign houses in the area.

A group of foreign newspaper correspondents also visited Hungjac area on the 14th and were quite satisfied that the Japanese forces had effectively protected foreign properties.

According to English language papers of Shanghai the French consul at Shanghai made an inspection tour of Nantao district, and after minutely investigating the conditions of residences and other properties belonging to Frenchmen, he expressed his satisfaction that no damage to speak of had been caused by the Japanese forces on French properties in their attack on Nantao and that the institution for

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charity work, "les Fetites Soeurs de Pauvres", as well as Kiousin Dockyard and the establishments of Water Yorks had been kept intact. Def. Doc. # 1329

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